

Sunday, August 27, 2023
Title: “Work Relationships in Christ”
Text: Ephesians 6:5–9
Series: *Ephesians*

Walking in Jesus in Every Sphere (Ephesians 5:15–6:9):

Ephesians 5:1–2 (ESV)

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

I. In Christ, Workers can Serve their Earthly Leaders from the Heart because they are Truly Serving Jesus Christ (Eph 6:1–8).

A. Heart – “fear and trembling with a sincere heart” → “as you would Christ” (v. 5)

B. Heart – “not...as people-pleasers” → “but as bondservants of Christ” (v. 6)

C. Heart – “rendering service with a good will” → “as to the Lord and not man” (v. 7)

Ephesians 6:5–7 (ESV)

⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

II. In Christ, Earthly Leaders can Bless those under their Authority because both equally exist under the Same Heavenly Master (Eph 6:9).

A. Heart – “do the same” (v. 9a)

B. Warning – “stop your threatening” (v. 9b)

C. Ultimate Authority – “knowing that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven” (v. 9c)

Ephesians 6:9 (ESV)

⁹Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.